GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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N INCLUSION OF CASTES IN SC CATEGORY
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure that Koli or Kori caste irrespective of its nomenclature is included in SC list and the benefits are uniformly availed by the members of this caste across the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide OBC status to Kasaudhans Vaishyas who are already declared part OBC category by some State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has received recommendations from Chhattisgarh Government to include certain caste like Koli or Kori in the list of Scheduled Castes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) Article 341(1) of the Constitution of India stipulates specification of a caste etc. as a Scheduled Caste, in relation to a State/Union Territory.

(b) & (c) In this regard, presently no proposal is under consideration of the Government to include this caste/community in the Central list of OBCs.

(d) & (e) Proposals received from Government of Chhattisgarh between 2002 to 2008, in regard to inclusion of Dhobi, Sooth Sarathi, Sarathi, Sais, Dangachagaha, Mahra, Mahara, Chik Ganda, Chik, Cheek and Namasudra castes, in the list of Scheduled Castes, in relation to the State, have been processed as per approved Modalities.